

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., OCTOBER 20TH, 2016 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, *That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 20th day of October, 2016 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS, *The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor individuals and institutions of Erie County who enhance the quality of life in the community through their efforts; and*

WHEREAS, *the Clarence Fire Company was first organized in March 1916 and was comprised of twenty-five members; and*

WHEREAS, *those first members of the Clarence Fire Company, through donations, were able to purchase the fire hall at the top of Academy Hill, as well as a hand-drawn, chemical firefighting wagon, which was quite an improvement over the previous leather-bucket brigade; and*

WHEREAS, *a petition was presented to the Clarence Town Board on March 27, 1920, proposing formation of a fire corporation to be known as the Clarence Fire Company, which was the first fire district in the Town of Clarence; and*

WHEREAS, *the Clarence Fire Company's fire commissioners purchased a new fire engine, which was a 1½ ton truck that held a 440 gallon chemical tank outfit, and where a year later, on August 9, 1923, the first siren was purchased and installed atop the fire hall, replacing the church's bells that were used previously for fire alarms; and*

WHEREAS, *after receiving approval on June 19, 1954, a new Clarence Fire Company Fire Hall was built off of Bodine Road, which was replaced in 1973 with the current fire hall at 10355 Main Street in Clarence to better serve the community; and*

WHEREAS, *through various fundraising efforts, the Clarence Fire Company has been able to acquire the necessary and much needed fire and rescue equipment and apparatus to more effectively and efficiently answer the approximate 400 calls received per year; and*

WHEREAS, the *Clarence Fire Company*, as part of its public outreach campaign, established the *Explorer Program* to provide those ages 14 to 18 years with the knowledge and training of the services provided by fire and rescue volunteers in effort to encourage volunteerism as firefighters or EMS personnel in the future; and

WHEREAS, the *Clarence Fire Company* has approximately 68 members, ages 18 to 95, who are active, qualified firefighters and EMS personnel that participate in continued education and training, striving to improve their firefighting skills with the most current procedures and techniques to better serve the Clarence community; and

WHEREAS, the *Clarence Fire Company* is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year with a celebration that took place on October 15, 2016 at Samuel's Grande Manor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and acknowledge the

Clarence Fire Company

and all of its members for their countless hours of selfless commitment of service to the citizens of Clarence and on its 100th anniversary.

Edward A. Rath, III
Erie County Legislator, 6th District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature